



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 361 - HB 942

March 13, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (005304): Enacts the *Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact* (Compact), an interstate compact to recognize dentists and dental hygienists licensures from member states. Establishes that the Compact will become effective on the date on which the Compact is enacted into law in the seventh participating state. Creates the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact Commission (Commission) upon enactment of the Compact. Entitles each participating state to one delegate on the Commission. Authorizes a dentist or dental hygienist with a qualifying license who meets certain criteria to be awarded Compact Privilege to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist in a remote state.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Other Fiscal Impact – A precise fiscal impact cannot be determined but expenditures to the Board of Dentistry is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000 for participation once the Compact goes into effect.

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had a deficit of \$10,978 in FY20-21, a deficit of \$111,177 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,832,296 on June 30, 2022.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the provisions of the Compact, seven states need to enact the proposed legislation in order for it to go into effect. Currently, no states have enacted the Compact.
- The proposed language states that when the Compact goes into effect the participating states will convene and establish a joint government agency known as the Commission.
- In order to join the Compact, a member state must pay a participation fee as established by Commission rule. The Commission is also authorized to collect an annual assessment from each participating state.
- The total cost of participating in the Compact is unknown. However, based on information provided by the Department of Health regarding typical expenditures for participation in interstate compacts, the total recurring increase in state expenditures to the Board of Dentistry is reasonably estimated to exceed \$10,000.

- Due to multiple unknown factors, including when six other states will pass legislation to enact the Compact, and the amount of fees assessed by the Commission, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably estimated.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Dentistry had a deficit of \$10,978 in FY20-21, a deficit of \$111,177 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,832,296 on June 30, 2022.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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